

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously Presented) A method of sterilizing a foodstuff packaging material comprising passing the packing material through a dip bath liquid comprising hydrogen peroxide and an effective hydrogen peroxide stabilizing amount of a foodstuff-compatible phosphonic acid, wherein said dip bath liquid comprises from 200 to 500 ppm of said foodstuff-compatible phosphonic acid.

5-6. (Canceled)

7. (Original) A method according to claim 4, wherein said foodstuff-compatible phosphonic acid is aminotrismethylene phosphonic acid.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 4, wherein said dip bath is maintained at a temperature of 80 to 85°C.

9-10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) ~~A method for chemically sterilizing a packaging material according to claim 4, wherein the method is conducted in an aseptic packaging plant plants comprising:~~

~~passing the packaging material through a dip bath containing a dip bath liquid, wherein the dip bath liquid comprises a stabilized hydrogen peroxide solution containing from 200 to 500 ppm of a foodstuff compatible phosphonic acid.~~

12-13. (Canceled)